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THE REALIZATION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
RIGHTS: THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE
PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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Mr. Rodriguez-Cuadros, Mr. Sik Yuen, Mr. Park, Mr. Sorabjee, Mrs. Warzazi,
Mr. Weissbrodt, Mr. Yimer, Mr. Yokota and Ms. Zerrougui: draft resolution

2000/... Optional protocol to the International Covenant
on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,

Guided by the principles relating to economic, social and cultural rights enshrined in the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and
Cultural Rights,

Reaffirming the need to reinforce the realization of economic, social and cultural rights
through the provision of adequate mechanisms and remedies in the event of their violation,

Bearing in mind its call for the elaboration of an optional protocol to the International
Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to consider communications from individuals
made in its resolution 1996/13 of 23 August 1996,

Welcoming the comments made by 16 States on the report submitted by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on a draft optional protocol for the consideration of communications in relation to the Covenant (E/CN.4/1997/105, annex) but concerned that the vast majority of States that have ratified the Covenant have not yet submitted their comments,

Recalling the decision of the Commission on Human Rights in resolution 2000/9 of 17 April 2000 to request the High Commissioner for Human Rights to invite all States to submit their comments both on the report mentioned above and on the options relating to the proposal for a draft optional protocol contained in the report of the High Commissioner (E/CN.4/2000/49),

Recalling also the decision of the Commission on Human Rights in the same resolution to encourage the High Commissioner to strengthen the research and analytical capacities of her Office in the field of economic, social and cultural rights and to share her expertise, inter alia through the holding of expert meetings,

1. Reiterates the call made in Commission resolution 2000/9 for all States to submit their comments on the report by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on a draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and on the options relating to the proposal for a draft optional protocol contained in the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (E/CN.4/2000/49);

2. Suggests that the Commission on Human Rights establish an open-ended working group entrusted with the further study of a draft optional protocol;

3. Requests the High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize an expert meeting on a draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and to submit the report of this meeting to it at its fifty-third session;

4. Decides to monitor progress towards the further elaboration and the adoption of a draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its fifty-third session.
